At a County Court held at Princess Anne Town in and for the County of Somerset County aforesaid the Second Monday in May being the fourteenth day of the same Month Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety eight by the Justices of the said County Court of Somerset according to Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided of whom were

Present The Honorable John Done Esquire Chief Justice
Levin Winder } Esquires
George Robertson } Associate Justices
Wm Done Clk

George Handy Sheriff ...

WM John Collins } Command was given to the Sheriff
ag } of Somerset County that he should take
BY Isaac Betts } Isaac Betts late of Somerset County Farmer

If he should be found in his bailiwick and him safe keep so that he might have his body before us at Princess Anne Town the second Monday in May Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety seven to answer unto John Collins of a plea that he render unto him the sum of one hundred and seventy five pounds current money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains and so forth And that he should have then and there that writ &c. At which said second Monday in May here came the aforesaid John Collins by William Polk Gent his Attorney and the Sheriff to wit Levin Ballard Gent Sheriff of the County aforesaid returned that he has taken the aforesaid Isaac Betts whose Body he had ready to answer unto the aforesaid John Collins of the aforesaid plea as to him it was commanded &c. Whereupon at the prayer of the said John Collins the said Isaac Betts is now here called and adjudged to give special Bail in the ~~plea aforesaid~~ Thereupon a certain Thomas Denwood Woolford being present herein Court in his proper person undertook for the said Isaac Betts and assumed upon himself that if it should happen that Judgment in the plea aforesaid should be rendered for the said John Collins for the said Isaac Betts or that he the said Isaac should be therein convicted that then the said Isaac Betts should pay and satisfy unto the ~~said Isaac Betts~~ John Collins the Judgment of the Court thereupon or render his body in execution of such Judgment to the prison of the Sheriff of the County aforesaid in satisfaction thereof or that he the said Thomas Denwood Woolford would do the same for him &c. Whereupon the said Isaac Betts put in his place Benjamin Dashiell Gent his Attorney at Law against the aforesaid John Collins in the plea aforesaid &c. And thereupon at the prayer of the parties aforesaid day is to them now here given until the

next Court to be held at Princess Anne Town the second Monday in November then next following in the same State that now is for - ing the parties aforesaid &c. At which said second monday in November Came again the parties aforesaid by their Attorneys aforesaid And hereupon the said John Collins declared against the aforesaid Isaac Betts in the plea aforesaid in form following to wit. Somerset County ss Isaac Betts late of Somerset County Farmer was summoned to an - swer unto John Collins of a plea that he render unto him the sum of One hundred and seventy five pounds current money of Maryland which to him he owes and unjustly detains &c. And whereupon the said John by William Polk his Attorney says that whereas the said Isaac on the twenty third day of January Anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety six at the County aforesaid by his certain writing Obligatory which the said John seales with the seal of the said Isaac herein Court produces whose date is the day and year aforesaid granted himself to be held and firmly bound to the said John in the sum of one hundred and seventy five pounds current money of Maryland to him the said John hath not rendered or paid but the same to him to render or pay hitherto he hath altogether refused and still doth refuse Wherefore he saith he is the worse and hath damage to the value of three hundred pounds current money of Maryland and therefore he brings Suit &c.

Pledges &c. Mr Doe & Rd Roe

Which said writing Obligatory contains these words following to wit Somerset County ss Know all men by these presents that we William Ayder Isaac Betts & Isaiah Sterling all of Somerset County in the State of Maryland are held and firmly bound jointly and Severally to John Collins of Somerset County in the State of Maryland to him his heirs executors administrators or assigns in the full and just sum of one hundred and seventy five pounds current money of Maryland to be paid to the said John Collins his heirs executors administrators a certain Attorney or assigns: to the payment whereof we bind ourselves & each of us jointly and severally and our heirs executors administrators firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this twenty third day of January One thousand Seven hundred and ninety six The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound William Ayder Isaac Betts & Isaiah Sterling their heirs executors, or administrators or assigns shall jointly and severally well & truly pay or cause to be paid to John Collins